

**TEUTONS CROSS
DANUBE, HEADED
FOR RICHARDEST**

**Mackensen Only 50 Miles
From Capital and in Rear
of Rumanians.**

TURNU-SEVERIN AND ORSOVA FALL

**Control of Great River Is
Now Fully in Hands of
the Invaders.**

ALL WALLACHIA IS
BELIEVED TO BE LOST

London Admits That Situation of Latest Ally Is Desperate.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—German and Bulgarian troops have forced a crossing of the Danube at several places, the German War Office announced. The

German War Office announces. The sudden stroke of Von Mackensen places in extreme peril the greater part of the Rumanian armies and Bucharest, the capital. The capture by another Teuton army of Orsova and Turnu Severin, places full control of the

It is believed that Von Mackensen crossed into Rumania at a point no more than fifty miles southeast of Bucharest. He is striking in the rear the main body of the Russian army.

the whole of the new line that the hard pressed Russians and Rumanian had just formed east of the Alt. The armies defending the passes and foothills of the Transylvanian Alps also are threatened.

Rumania's situation is desperate. She seems to be caught in a great German trap, springing with masterly precision from north, west and south. Only tremendous reinforcements from Russia and aid from the other Allies or a brilliant counter stroke can save the eastern half of the country. The fate

To-day was the most disastrous day for Rumania since she entered the war three months ago and began her invasion of Transylvania. Not only was the Danube, but on every front except

Ormeva, the Hungarian town at the Iron Gates of the Danube that Rumania had held as the one prize left of her invasion, fell today to the Teutons who occupied, moreover, Turnu-Severin, an important Rumanian centre of Danubian shipping, a few miles east of Ormeva.

News of Army Lacking.
There is no news of the Rumanian

army that held Craiova, and was cut off from the main army by the capture of Craiova. Berlin announces no capture of troops. A despatch from the front to the *Korlnische Volkszeitung*, dated Wednesday, says the army was comparatively small.

To-day's Russian statement says that

"In the region northeast of Turnu-Severin small Rumanian detachments attacked the enemy forces and dispersed them, capturing three cannon." Their strength in the whole 10,000 square miles of Rumania west of the Alt, where the Rumanian main army is entrenched for, stand to, and the capital

Von Falkenhayn's army has reached the Alt from Craiova. The German War Office issued to-night another of its brief bulletins in which lately it has been announcing the crushing of Rumania. "We have reached the River Alt," it said.

strong line of defence based upon the river, which Berlin despatches admit is a really formidable military obstacle swift in its upper reaches, broad near the mouth. German airplanes are bombing the Rumanian communications with Bucharest, ninety miles to the east.

But this Alt line which the Rumanians had hoped would prove secure is taken in rear or at least in flank by the crossing of the Danube by Von Mackensen's troops. The German War Office does not announce where the crossing has been made. It says simply that Von Mac-

It is believed here, however, that the Teutons and Bulgars crossed the 75 mile stretch of the river between the Rumanian towns of Zimnizta and Olteniza, opposite the Bulgarian town of Sustova and Tutrakan.

announced yesterday a violent bombardment of the Danube between Zimnita and Oltenita. Teuton troops crossed the river and seizing either of the places would hold railroads leading to Bucharest.

Advance in Dobruja.

vanced along the whole front today and did indeed make some progress. It began at last to strike Von Mackensen's main positions. They crossed the R. Kartal and reached Lake Tusha about fifteen miles north of the Cernavoda line, and took several towns on high ground in the area.

Not only in the manner in which armies are being encircled by Teu-